AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Currently Amended) A method for distinguishing a differentiated squamous cell lung cancer carcinoma from an undifferentiated lung cancer = carcinoma, which method comprises detecting p63 expression in cells from a lung carcinoma, wherein consistent p63 expression indicates that the lung carcinoma is a squamous cell lung carcinoma and the absence of p63 expression indicates that the lung carcinoma is an undifferentiated lung carcinoma.
- 2. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein detecting p63 expression comprises detecting expression of p63 protein.
- 3. (Original) The method according to claim 2 wherein detecting p63 protein expression comprises detecting the p63 protein with an immunoassay.
- 4. (Original) The method according to claim 3 wherein the immunoassay is an immunohistochemical assay.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein the differentiated lung carcinoma is selected from the group consisting of a poorly differentiated squamous cell carcinoma, a moderately differentiated squamous cell carcinoma, and a well differentiated squamous cell carcinoma.
- 6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein the differentiated lung carcinoma is a poorly differentiated squamous cell carcinoma.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein the undifferentiated lung carcinoma is a small cell undifferentiated carcinoma.

- 8. (Withdrawn) A method of treatment of lung carcinoma in a patient, which method comprises administering a chemotherapeutic agent to a patient diagnosed with a small cell undifferentiated lung carcinoma, wherein the small cell undifferentiated carcinoma is distinguished from a differentiated squamous cell carcinoma by detecting an absence of p63 expression in cells from the lung carcinoma.
- 9. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 8 wherein detecting p63 expression comprises detecting expression of p63 protein.
- 10. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 9 wherein detecting p63 protein expression comprises detecting the p63 protein with an immunoassay.
- 11. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 10 wherein the immunoassay is an immunohistochemical assay.
- 12. (Withdrawn) A method of treatment of carcinoma in a patient, which method comprises surgically resecting a differentiated squamous cell carcinoma from a lung of a patient diagnosed with differentiated squamous cell carcinoma lung cancer, wherein the differentiated squamous cell carcinoma is distinguished from a small cell undifferentiated lung carcinoma by detecting p63 expression in cells from the lung carcinoma.
- 13. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 12 wherein detecting p63 expression comprises detecting expression of p63 protein.
- 14. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 13 wherein detecting p63 protein expression comprises detecting the p63 protein with an immunoassay.
- 15. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 12 wherein the immunoassay is an immunohistochemical assay.

- 16. (Withdrawn) A method for distinguishing a carcinoma of epithelial cells with squamous cell differentiation or squamous differentiation potential from a carcinoma without squamous cell differentiation or squamous differentiation potential, or a non-epithelial cell tumor, which method comprises detecting p63 expression in cells from a carcinoma, wherein p63 expression indicates that the carcinoma is a carcinoma of epithelial cells with squamous cell potential and the absence of p63 expression indicates that the carcinoma is a carcinoma without squamous differentiation, squamous differentiation potential, or is a non-epithelial tumor.
- 17. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 16, wherein the epithelial cells with squamous cell potential are selected from the group consisting of squamous epithelia, transitional cells, and glandular epithelia.
- 18. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 17, wherein the epithelial cells are glandular epithelia, and wherein the carcinoma without squamous differentiation potential is a glandular carcinoma.
- 19. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 18, wherein the glandular carcinoma is a renal carcinoma.
- 20. (Withdrawn) A method for distinguishing a thyroid papillary carcinoma from another thyroid neoplasm, nodule, or enlargement, which method comprises detecting p63 expression in cells from a thyroid neoplasm, nodule, or enlargement, wherein p63 expression indicates that the neoplasm, nodule, or enlargement is a papillary carcinoma and the absence of p63 expression indicates that the neoplasm, nodule, or enlargement is not a papillary carcinoma.
- 21. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 20, wherein the neoplasm that is not a papillary carcinoma is a follicular adenoma, a medullary carcinoma, an anaplastic carcinoma, or a Hurthle cell carcinoma.

- 22. (Withdrawn) A method for distinguishing a Hashimoto's thyroiditis from another thyroid inflammatory condition, which method comprises detecting p63 expression in cells from a thyroid inflammatory condition, wherein p63 expression indicates that the pathology is Hashimoto's thyroiditis.
- 23. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 22, wherein the inflammatory condition is not Hashimoto's thyroiditis.
- 24. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 23, wherein the inflammatory condition is Grave's disease.